

**SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs P C Walshe – Chairman
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE – Vice Chairman
Cllr A Eyre
Cllr S G Raikes (*left at 7:32pm*)
Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn, Chairman Youth Council
Mrs Caroline Berry - SAYT / Churches Together
Ms Maxine Quinton, Community Safety - Sevenoaks District Council
Mr Nigel Crocker, KCC Area Youth & Community Worker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

PCSO Gareth Nutt
PCSO Connor Smith
Linda Larter MBE, Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Ben Mason, Youth Worker at the HOUSE in the Basement
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr S L Arnold
Cllr G R S Clack
Cllr R M C Hogarth (*ex officio*)
Cllr R L Piper
Cllr R J Parry
Adam Wedd, HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café Manager
SDC – Ms Kelly Webb, Community Safety Team Leader

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

50 DISPENSATION

No requests from Members regarding any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any items on the agenda were received [S31 & 33 Localism Act 2011 refers].

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Caroline Berry declared an interest in the SAYT youth grant application and did not partake during the discussions [Minute No 54 refers]

52 MINUTES

i) Youth Services Sub Committee

It was NOTED that the minutes had been adopted at the meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10 February 2014 and that Mr Nigel Crocker had given apologies. **It was RESOLVED that** Minute No 48 a) be amended to show the SAYT member's name to read Mrs Caroline Berry.

ii) Youth Council

i) To note that the meeting of the Youth Council due to have been held on 15 January 2014, was inquorate. **It was NOTED that** marketing of the HITB Youth Café with Sevenoaks Mums had resulted in a new Member joining up to become a Sevenoaks Youth Councillor

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HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ

It was RESOLVED that the

- i) January and February 2014 report be noted and approved.
- ii) Revenue Finance Report for December 2013 be noted and approved
- iii) Tabled statistics including income and attendance for December 2013 and January 2014 be noted and approved
- iv) December 2013 and January 2014 Geographical Report be noted and approved.
- v) Informal feedback report relating to the Special Needs Tuesday evening be received. **It was NOTED that** this highlighted the success of integration between the users on the Special Needs Tuesday evenings attending other times during the youth café's opening hours.

It was NOTED that the projection for attendances in February 2014 is set to increase substantially and is linked to the marketing liaison the Youth Café currently has with the Sevenoaks Mums network.

An incident which occurred on Friday night of the 21 February 2014 involved anti social behaviour from random young people, not members, entering the Youth Café and causing a disturbance before proceeding throughout Sevenoaks Town and Riverhead.

The Town Clerk requested that the PCSOs and the Community Team at Sevenoaks District Council **officially note** that the anti-social behaviour was not from members of the youth café.

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YOUTH GRANT APPLICATION

A youth grant application from SAYT for £208.50 to hire the Community Centre was received and considered. **It was RESOLVED that** the £208.50 be awarded for the SAYT to hold their World War II Murder Mystery Event in the Community Centre on Saturday 29 March 2014.

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YOUTH MARKETS

A report from the Town Clerk relating to young people and market trading nationally was received. **It was NOTED that** Youth Councillors albeit welcomed such an opportunity during the Love Your Local Market Campaign is also exam period.

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YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

The report relating to the Young Achiever awards for Sevenoaks Primary Children was received and noted. **It was RESOLVED that** a grant of £250 be awarded to part sponsor this event.

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REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS

Verbal reports were received from:

- i) **SAYT** – Ms Caroline Berry advised that the vacancy for a Male Youth Worker at SAYT will be re-advertised in May and a copy of the details be forwarded to Mr Nigel Crocker.
- ii) **West Kent Extra** – no one was present
- iii) **Community Safety Partnership** – Ms Maxine Quinton advised that Sevenoaks District Council would shortly liaise regarding the Summer Fun Days and confirmed that the Anti-Social Behaviour was not from members of the youth café.

- iv) **Kent County Council** – Mr Nigel Crocker advised that
 - a) a senior practitioner, Ms Sarah Grant and a detached youth worked Ms Jane Ralph would shortly start. Also, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the TryAngle awards to be held on 7 July 2014 at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford. Mr Nigel Crocker asked that all inform young people of this event and to encourage as many of them as possible to put forward their nominations. Details to be circulated.
 - b) KCC is undergoing a major restructure and that the KCC Integrated Youth Service will amalgamate with Kent Integrated Adolescent Support Services with effect from April 2014.

58 **Press Release**

| **It was RESOLVED that** Youth Markets and the grant awarded to support the Young Achievers Award be worthy of a press release.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:50pm.

Signed: Chairman